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STORAGE STUDY TEAM

REF: A. COPENHAGEN 6787 B. COPENHAGEN (76) 2647 C. COPENHAGEN
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1. THE DANISH NUCLEAR CYCLE COMMITTEE (REF A) WAS PLEASED
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ITINERARY OF THE SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL
STUDY TEAM. THEY WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE TEAM'S DESCRIPTION
OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO DATE, ITS INTENTIONS FOR THE FUTURE,
AND ITS UNDERSTANDING OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICIES AND
THE ADMINISTRATION'S EVOLVING PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THEM.

2. DURING THE MEETING, WHICH LASTED FROM 11:30 TO 3:30
AND INCLUDED A WORKING LUNCH, THE DANES REVIEWED THE
HISTORY OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS HERE, EXPLAINED THE IM-
PORTANT BEARING THAT DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTES HAS ON
THE EVOLUTION OF A DANISH ENERGY PROGRAM, AND AGREED TO
ANSWER IN WRITING AS MUCH OF THE TEAM'S QUESTIONNAIRES
AS POSSIBLE. BOTH THE COMMITTEE AND THE TEAM AGREED
THAT MANY OF THE QUESTIONS ASKED WERE NOT RELEVANT TO
DENMARK, INASMUCH AS THIS COUNTRY DOES NOT YET HAVE
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3. IN EXPLAINING WHY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT
YET PROCEEDED WITH THE FINAL LEGISLATION (REF B) THAT
WOULD PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS,
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NIELS HOLM SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT
POSTPONED IT IN 1976 BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A) A PERCEIVED NEED TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS; B) A DECISION TO REVIEW ALL PROSPECTIVE GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS (E.G., A GREAT BELT BRIDGE, A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT); AND C) A DESIRE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE NUCLEAR WASTE PROBLEM. CONCERNING THE LATTER, HOLM CONTINUED, "DENMARK DOES NOT NOW HAVE AN ACTUAL WASTE DISPOSAL PROBLEM (THAT WOULD BE 10 TO 15 YEARS AWAY EVEN IF THE PROGRAM WERE STARTED SOON). FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE WASTE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO BE A PRE-CONDITION FOR DENMARK'S GOING AHEAD WITH A NUCLEAR PROGRAM."

4. COMMENT: FROM THE DANES POINT OF VIEW THE TEAM'S VISIT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE TIMELY. AS OBSERVED IN PREVIOUS TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC ON FORENGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON (REFS C AND D), THE DANES SEE PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROPOSALS ON NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE IN THE U.S. AS A BRIGHT HOPE FOR REMOVING THE MAIN, THOUGH NOT THE ONLY, IMPEDIMENT TO THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY INTO DENMARK. THE COMMITTEE SPOKE FREELY TO THE TEAM ABOUT THE PROBLEM BUT CONTINUED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME STILL WANTS TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE AND AVOID PUBLIC DEBATE--HENCE THE CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION GIVEN TO THIS TELEGRAM. UPON COMPLETION OF THE MEETING, THE U.S. TEAM CHAIRMAN CONFIDED TO US THAT THE VISIT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DENMARK WAS THE BEST ORGANIZED SO FAR AND THAT THE DANES WERE CLEARLY A PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMER FOR "THE PRODUCT THE TEAM IS SELLING." HE ONLY REGRETTE THAT "THE PRODUCT" WAS NOT AVAILABLE AND THAT HE COULD GIVE THEM NO REAL ENCOURAGEMENT.
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